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“Catching Dreams”

26th Annual AGATE Spring Conference
KwaTukNuk Resort/Best Western
303 Hwy. 93, Polson, Montana
1-800-882-6363 for hotel reservations
April 27, 28, and 29, 2006



Join us on the shores of beautiful Flathead Lake!

National Speakers: Dr. Marcia Imbeau, Dr. Jann Leppien, Rachel McAnallen, Karen Isaacson

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<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, Friday, Saturday (includes Thurs. & Fri. lunches, Sat. brunch)	\$180
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Questions? Contact Tamara Fisher at tfisher@polson.k12.mt.us or 406-883-6335 ext. 328.

Introducing! This year's national speakers for the Spring Conference will be the following:

Marcia Imbeau received her Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. She is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and is teaching graduate courses in gifted and childhood education. She has taught in elementary schools, in programs for the gifted, and coordinated university-based and Saturday programs for gifted students. She is a member of the ASCD's Differentiated Instruction Cadre working on addressing the needs of academically diverse learners. Marcia is actively involved with university/public school partnerships and is currently one of four University Liaisons in the Childhood Education Program. She has been a researcher for The National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented Successful Classroom Practices, Pre-service Teacher Projects, and the High End Learning Middle School Project. She serves on the NAGC board and is a Governor At-Large on the Council for Exceptional Children.

Jann Leppien earned her doctorate in Gifted Education at the University of Connecticut, worked as a research assistant at the National Research Center, was a Gifted and Talented coordinator in Montana, and served as past president of Montana AGATE. She is currently an Associate Professor in the School of Education at the University of Great Falls. Jann is a consultant in gifted education and curriculum differentiation, plus a national trainer for Talents Unlimited. *The Multiple Menu Model: A Practical Guide for Developing Differentiated Curriculum* and *The Parallel Curriculum: A Design to Develop High Potential and Challenge High-Ability Students* were co-authored by Jann. NAGC and AEGUS are each fortunate to have her as a board member.

Rachel McAnallen is fondly known to thousands of teachers and students around the world as "Ms. Math." She has been a professional educator for nearly 50 years. Besides being a classroom teacher for most of those years, she has also been a school board member, department chair, and high school administrator, of which the latter accounts for most of her gray hair. Other than playing golf and laughing at a good joke, Rachel's real passion is teaching everyone the beautiful world of mathematics.

Karen Isaacson is the mother of five gifted children, the main subjects of her highly acclaimed book, *Raisin' Brains*. Having spent her entire life surrounded by creative and intelligent people, she brings a witty perspective to life with the gifted. Clearly talented herself, Karen writes in a variety of genres, paints, collects antiques, and delights audiences of all ages with her easygoing style and quirky sense of humor.